The E-Teacher Scholarship Program

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN KATHMANDU IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE E-TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR NEPALESE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING (ELT) PROFESSIONALS.

What is E-Teacher?

E-Teacher online distance education courses train foreign English language teaching (ELT) professionals in current teaching methods and specialized areas within academic field of English comprising the following options:

1. Introduction to Pedagogy and Practices for Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL Methods)
2. Building Teaching Skills through the Interactive Web (Web Skills)
3. Practical Applications in Language and Learning Skills (PALSS)
4. Teaching English to Young Learners (TEYL)
5. Teaching English to Pre-teens and Teens (TEPT)
6. English for Specific Purposes, Aligning Context with Practices and Materials (ESP)
7. Special Education and Differentiated Instruction in EFL Contexts (SpEd EFL)
8. Summative and Formative Assessment in Language Learning and Teaching (Assessment)
9. Critical Thinking in Language Learning and Teaching (CT)

Who is eligible?

✓ Be Nepali citizens and reside in Nepal at the time of the course;

✓ Not hold dual citizenship in the United States;

✓ Possess required English language abilities:

- High intermediate to advanced English language skills, particularly in reading and writing; be able to complete academic work at a U.S. university level (approximately equivalent to a 525 TOEFL / 70 TOEFL iBT)

- General understanding of English technical terms relating to digital technology and the Internet

Program duration and Important Dates:
E-Teacher 10-week online courses are offered during four terms

➢ Fall 2014: October 6 – December 12
➢ Winter 2015: January 5 – March 13
➢ Spring 2015: April 6 – June 12
➢ Summer 2015: June 22 – August 28

Selection Criteria:
Participants should meet the following criteria:

➢ E-Teacher candidates should be current ELT professionals (e.g., teachers, teacher trainers, program administrators).

➢ Should be highly motivated individuals who are dedicated to their own professional development and to sharing the knowledge they gain with colleagues in their local area.

➢ Candidates should be committed to fulfilling all program requirements, which include dedicating at least 8-10 hours to course work per week.

Internet Access and Technology Skills Requirements:
✓ Regular access (4-5 times / week) to a reliable, up-to-date computer with high-speed internet connectivity.

✓ Basic technology skills related to email, internet searches and downloads/uploads, logins/passwords, and e-file use (e.g., .pdf, MS Word, Excel). Practical Applications in Listening and Speaking Skills (PALSS): participants require access to real-time tools such as Skype and Google Hangout.

✓ Ability to type in English well enough to perform online tasks and to submit written assignments in a timely manner.

How to apply?

Submit completed applications available at http://nepal.usembassy.gov/relo.html to
RELOKathmandu@state.gov

Program Deadline:

All applications will be due July 10, 2014.

*No applications will be considered after the above deadline.

Program Benefits:

- ✓ Improved knowledge and skill in teaching English
- ✓ Virtual interaction with teachers in other countries
- ✓ Experience of a U.S. university level course
- ✓ A certificate of course completion (University of Oregon provides certificate to those who pass the course with 70% score)
- ✓ Professional Development Workshop (Exchange) in the U.S. for the highest achieving participant from the region

For more information about this program, please visit the Regional English Language Office, or E-Teacher Program page.